

## K. C. CONFERENCE REPORT.

Miss Sarah Whitmer of South Bend, Ind., sends us the following report of the K. C. Session held at Warsaw, Ind., during the late Conference. Though the session has already been reported, we yet publish this report, as it will be of interest to K. C. readers:

We delegates, as there were quite a number representing our Society, regret only one thing and that was, that the Convention did not last any longer, for it was very interesting.

The session for the King's Children was opened at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon, first by appointing committees on Nomination, Resolutions and so forth. Then came an address of Welcome by Rev. C. F. Yoder, of Warsaw, which was very enjoyable and enthusiastic; and a response by Rev. J. R. Keller, of Nebraska, which was also very interesting.

There were several papers read on different subjects, discussing different questions. The question that was asked at first was, What is the King's Children Society? and next, What is its purpose? As these were very important questions, much interest was taken to discuss them. The King's Children Society is the young people at work; and the reasons for its existence are co-equal with the reasons for the existence of the church as a denomination. We, as a denomination, are in the world for the purpose of preaching the whole doctrine of the Savior. We believe that for the salvation of the world, less that the whole Gospel will not suffice, and that more than that is sin.

We address ourselves to the men and women of the world on a distinctive basis of actual Gospel practice, accepting the fact that our Savior first lived the Gospel, before he gave it to his ministers, with the command, "Go teach all nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen." The great Gospel proposition that must—*must* be affirmed, is that our Lord first obeyed each command and amplified each ordinance in His own person, before he gave it to the world to be obeyed. Hence we have the living example of Him who is the "way, the truth and the life."

We are living in an age of progress in which the persuasions of mankind are being taught and disseminated by every device that human genius can invent.

We no longer wait until children get to be men and women before we begin to teach of things divine. The printing

press is turning out countless millions of pages of literature for the young, and sending it into the homes of our people, to be read by our children and young people, and I need not tell you,—for you are aware of the fact—that much literature does not teach pure Gospel principles.

We are commanded to be "wise as serpents and harmless as doves."

We all have seen that the instruction given to a child becomes established in the character of the man or woman and that the most lasting impressions are made in youth. Therefore, in our work among the children and young people *to-day* we are laying the foundation of the future Church. A compromise on structural didactic lines *to-day* means a comprising Church, and a vacillating ministry in the future.

Therefore with love for all, and the most cordial greeting to all seekers for the truth, let us with unwavering faith, and a determination born of Him who said: "Not my will, but Thine be done," amplify the Gospel, teaching by practical example, from the primary class to the University Chancellorship. The King's Children Society aims to occupy that particular place in the Brethren Church.

The King's Children Society is for the young man and the young woman of the church, and should be kept under their management as nearly as possible. It is the place where they may develop their talents, and gain experience in the active work. It is the place where they may invite their friends, and in this way many that would be on the streets, and strangers to religion, may be, and are, led to Christ. It is a function of the church, a co-worker with the pastor, in the upbuilding of the cause of Christ on earth.

The King's Children Society is under the control of the general church, which cannot be said of any other Young People's Society.

Through it is taught the Gospel as it is preached from our pulpits. The ordinances of the church are taught fearlessly, and its literature is kept free from those objectionable amusements, that are so prominent in much other literature that is published for young people.

They who are wise are aware that the prosperous, whether individual or corporate bodies, are those who carefully and discreetly husband their resources, and turn the profits whether great or small, in the channels where they will do the most practical good, and produce the best results. With this end in view the King's Children Society, has sought to supply the young people of the church with the

needful supplies for a young people's religious and social organization, and to turn the moneys which have therefore been paid to other producers of such commodities, into the treasuries of the Brethren Church, to be used for the purpose of printing books, tracts, and supplying means of spreading the truths we hold sacred, and in other ways helping the mission work of the church. While we scrupulously adhere to the one purpose of Gospel alone work, and labor in the interests of the institutions of the church, we cordially welcome all seekers after truth to work with us, and enjoy our spiritual and social benefits. Our Constitution is liberal, and allows its members to seek the fullest co-operation of all other societies for Christian work among young people, and welcome them to the spiritual and social benefits of our meetings and Conventions.

From August 1893 to August 1894 the number of organizations had reached 48 with an aggregate membership of about 2600. From August 1894 to August 1895 the number of organizations increased to over 100, with an aggregate membership of over 4500. These figures were taken from the files in the office of the president, and a general letter correspondence of the National Board. A full line of Topic cards and other cards for the use of committees have been printed.

Business done the past year,	\$250 31
Received in cash,	134 43
Receivable on book account,	115 88

## ASSETS.

Bills receivable,	\$115 88
Cash in treasury,	45 69
Goods on hand.	127 11
Liabilities,	288 68
Bills payable,	80 00
Balance over all liabilities consisting of book accounts, cash in treasury, goods on hand,	208 68

Let me ask you to ponder over these figures; though insignificant of themselves, they indicate a world of possibility.

The small sums that we annually pay out, which have heretofore been paid to the institutions of other denominations, are being gathered into our own treasuries, and out of the profits of last year's business the Society was able to appropriate the sum of \$100 to the Book and Tract work. And yet we have not the full support of those we know to be interested in the work, but the interest shown since the late conventions (1895) indicates that we will be able to do more the current year. Will you help?

The King's Children Society came into existence in response to a growing de-